

4.7 PLAY STRATEGY

The Marble Hill Playcentre provides play for 0-5 years at their One O'clock Club including indoor and outdoor facilities. The Adventure Playground is for ages 5-15 years and includes aerial runways, climbing frames and a skateboarding ramp. Both play facilities are paid entry. The play area and buildings, located along the north-east boundary of the park, are leased from English Heritage.

Adjacent to Marble Hill Park is a playground in Orleans Gardens. It provides play for both under 7's and 7-13 year olds and is very popular. There is also a small café and toilet facilities. The challenge for the proposed play at Marble Hill Park will be to ensure the offer is not duplicated and offers a complimentary but different play experience.

The play strategy for the project aims to:

- Keep the current fenced free-play area as it is.
- Compliment this with an adjacent low-level play area for small children.
- Explore opportunities for play throughout the park.
- Improve relationships with the Playcentre and adjacent play offers to be mutually beneficial and to avoid competition.

Brief

Activities and types of play:

- Locomotive -climb / physical / sit / crawl / jump / balance / teamwork
- Social - role play / linguistic
- Active/sequential
- Socio-dramatic

Conditions:

- Minimal ground disturbance
- No high or densely massed structures
- No equipment that is overtly 'play equipment'
- Include seating provision for adults/parents



Proposed play strategy

